

Holy Trinity
Headington Quarry



All-Age Candlemas Service

29th January 2023

The Gathering

Words of welcome

Hymn 113

Please stand

When candles are lighted on Candlemas Day
the dark is behind us, and spring's on the way.

*A glory dawns in every dark place,
the light of Christ, the fullness of grace.*

The kings have departed, the shepherds have gone,
the child and his parents are left on their own. *A glory dawns...*

They go to the temple, obeying the law,
and offering two pigeons, the gift of the poor. *A glory dawns...*

But Anna and Simeon recognise there
the Christ-child who came at the turn of the year.
A glory dawns...

The old who have suffered and waited so long
see hope for the world as they welcome the young.
A glory dawns...

They gaze at God's wonderful answer to prayer,
the joy of the Jews and the Gentiles' desire. *A glory dawns...*

The candles invite us to praise and to pray
when Christmas greets Easter on Candlemas Day.
A glory dawns...

Elizabeth J. Cosnett (b. 1936)

Gathering Prayer

Welcome in the name of Christ.
God's grace, mercy and peace be with you
and also with you.

**Lord Jesus, as we gather in your name
to sing your praise,
to hear your story,
and to receive your gifts,
fill us with your love,
your peace and your joy.
Amen.**

Receiving God's Forgiveness

A minister says

Jesus said:
'I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me shall never walk in darkness
but shall have the light of life.'
Let us therefore bring our sins into his light
and ask God's forgiveness.

Christ came in humility to share our lives:
forgive our pride.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Christ came with good news for all people:
forgive our silence.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Christ came in love to a world of suffering:
forgive our self-centredness.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

The president says

The God of all mercies forgive you your sins,
and pour upon you the healing spirit
of love, peace and gentleness.
Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to the Father.
Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to the Father.
To God be glory forever
To God be glory forever
Alleluia Amen
Alleluia Amen
Alleluia Amen
Alleluia Amen

Glory to God, Glory to God, Son of the Father.
Glory to God, Glory to God, Son of the Father.
To God be glory forever
To God be glory forever
Alleluia Amen
Alleluia Amen
Alleluia Amen
Alleluia Amen

Glory to God, Glory to God, glory to the Spirit.
Glory to God, Glory to God, glory to the Spirit.
To God be glory forever
To God be glory forever
Alleluia Amen
Alleluia Amen
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Peruvian Liturgical Text, ed. John Ballantine (1945)

The Prayer for the Day

Lord Jesus Christ,
light of the nations and glory of Israel:
make your home among us,
and present us pure and holy
to your heavenly Father,
your God, and our God.

Amen

The Liturgy of the Word

Gospel Reading

Please stand.

Alleluia, Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia

Speak, Lord, your servant is list'ning.

Speak your words of wisdom,

for the words you speak

are everlasting life.

Alleluia, Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia

The gospel is announced:

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel reading: Luke 2.22-40

When the time came for their ritual cleansing, in accordance with the Law from Moses, they brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. (It's written in the Law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male will be dedicated to the Lord.") They offered a sacrifice in keeping with what's stated in the Law of the Lord, *A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.*

A man named Simeon was in Jerusalem. He was righteous and devout. He eagerly anticipated the restoration of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. The Holy Spirit revealed to him that he wouldn't die before he had seen the Lord's Christ. Led by the Spirit, he went into the temple area. Meanwhile, Jesus' parents brought the child to the temple so that they could do what was customary under the Law. Simeon took Jesus in his arms and praised God. He said,

"Now, master, let your servant go in peace according to your word,
because my eyes have seen your salvation.

You prepared this salvation in the presence of all peoples.

It's a light for revelation to the Gentiles

and a glory for your people Israel."

His father and mother were amazed by what was said about him. Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "This boy is assigned to be the cause of the falling and rising of many in Israel and to be a sign that generates opposition so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your innermost being too."

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, who belonged to the tribe of Asher. She was very old. After she married, she lived with her husband for seven years. She was now an 84-year-old widow. She never left the temple area but worshipped God with fasting and prayer night and day. She approached at that very moment and began to praise God and to speak about Jesus to everyone who was looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

When Mary and Joseph had completed everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to their hometown, Nazareth in Galilee. The child grew up and became strong. He was filled with wisdom, and God's favour was on him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ

Talk

Revd Emily Hockliffe Essex

Affirmation of Faith

Please stand.

Let us declare our faith in God:

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Please sit or kneel.

These responses may be used

God of love

Hear our prayer

We pray for those who are sick or in particular need:

*Naomi Lawrence, Kate Samuel, Barbara Farrar, Grace,
Bob Nind, Rosemary, Judith, Josie, Baby Ezra,
Polly Friedhoff, Evelyn Clare, George, Bob Southgate, Benji.*

Those who have died recently:

Frank Giles, Biddy Mason, Stephanie Skold, Ian Wylie.

Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:

Douglas Kirkby, Margaret Cousins, Julia Kirkby.

And at the end

**May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all, evermore. Amen.**

The Peace

Please stand

In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high has broken upon us,
to shine on those who dwell in darkness
and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of Peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Hymn 42

Longing for light, we wait in darkness
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
Light for the world to see.

*Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice. *Christ, be...*

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
Shared until all are fed. *Christ, be...*

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone. *Christ, be...*

Many the gifts, many the people,
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
Making your kingdom come. *Christ, be...*

Bernadette Farrell (b. 1957)

Taking of the Bread and Wine Prayer

Father, in Christ there has sprung up a light for the righteous;

accept the gifts we bring before you
and grant that Christ may shine in us
to the praise and glory of your name. **Amen.**

Please remain standing or sit or kneel, as you are most comfortable

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is always right to give you thanks,
God our Creator,
loving and faithful,
holy and strong.
You made us
and the whole universe,
and filled your world with life.

You sent your Son to live among us,
Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child.
He suffered on the cross;
he died to save us from our sins;
he rose in glory from the dead.
You send your Spirit
to bring new life to the world,
and clothe us with power from on high.
And so we join the angels
to celebrate and sing:

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord;
holy is the Lord God almighty.
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord;
holy is the Lord God almighty,
who was, and is and is to come.
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord!**

**Blessed, blessed, blest the one who comes;
Blest the one who comes in the Lord's name.**

**Blessed, blessed, blest the one who comes;
Blest the one who comes in the Lord's name.
who was, and is and is to come.
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord!**

Father, on the night before he died,
Jesus shared a meal with his friends.
He took the bread, and thanked you.
He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.

Bells are rung

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine.
He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you.
This is my blood,
the new promise of God's unfailing love.
Do this to remember me.

Bells are rung

Great is the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

Father, as we bring this bread and wine,
and remember his death and resurrection,
send your Holy Spirit,
that we who share these gifts
may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.

Pour your Spirit on us
that we may love one another,
work for the healing of the earth,
and share the good news of Jesus,
as we wait for his coming in glory.

For honour and praise belong to you, Father,
with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit:
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Please sit or kneel

As our saviour taught us, so we pray.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Forgive us our sins

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

slowly

Be - hold the Lamb of God, be - hold the Lamb of God. He
 Be - hold the Lamb, the Lamb of God. He
 takes a - way the sin, the sin of the world.
 takes a - way the sin of the world.

Giving of Communion

God's holy gifts
 for God's holy people.
Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

This is God's table and all are welcome. Please follow the directions of the steward and follow the one-way system back to your seat. Those sitting towards the back will be invited to come forwards first. The chalice is being administered from the Lady Chapel step. If you wish to receive the chalice, please hold the base of the chalice and guide it towards your lips – the person administering the chalice will not let go of it in the process. Please do not dip your wafer into the chalice. Please note that there is no obligation to take the chalice and it is fine still to receive communion in one kind only (the bread). If you do not wish to receive communion and would prefer a blessing instead, please do come forwards as well.

Hymn 396

Faithful vigil ended,
 watching, waiting cease;
 Master, grant your servant
 his discharge in peace.

All the Spirit promised,
all the Father willed,
now these eyes behold it
perfectly fulfilled.

This your great deliverance
sets your people free;
Christ their light uplifted
all the nations see.

Christ, your people's glory!
Watching, doubting cease:
grant to us our servants
our discharge in peace.

Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926)
based on Luke 2.29-32 (Nunc Dimittis, The Song of Simeon)

Candlemas Procession

We light our candles as we pray:

Blessed are you, Lord our God,
King of the universe.
Blessed be God for ever.

Your light shines on us
and all peoples shall see your glory.
Blessed be God for ever.

You gave us Jesus to be the light of the world;
he makes our darkness to be light.
Blessed be God for ever.

Through the Holy Spirit your love burns within us,
bearing witness to your truth.
Blessed be God for ever.

As we bear your light,
may our lips never cease to sing your praise.
Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.

At our baptisms, we were charged to shine as lights in the world. By the light of these candles, may we renew our commitment to take the light of Christ into the world through lives of integrity, compassion and service.

During this hymn, you are invited to join us in procession or to remain in your seat, as you are most comfortable.

Hymn 483

We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, oh,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, oh,
we are marching in the light of God.

We are living in the love of God, *etc.*
We are moving in the power of God, *etc.*

Xhosa (South African) traditional hymn
v.1 Anders Nyberg (b. 1955) vv. 2, 3 Andrew Maries (b. 1949)

Sending out

We turn towards the procession gathered around the font

Father, we have sung your praise with shepherds and angels:
may Christ be born in our hearts today.

Praise to Christ our light.

We have shared in the joy of Simeon and Anna;
help us, like them, to trust your word.

Praise to Christ our light.

We have greeted Jesus, the light of the world;
may we be filled with the light of your love.

Praise to Christ our light.

May Christ the light of the world shine in our hearts,
lighten our darkness,
and guide our feet into the way of peace,

and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among us and remain with us always.
Amen.

We stand near the place of new birth.
Let us shine with the light of your love.

We turn from the crib to the cross.
Let us shine with the light of your love.

We go to carry his light.
Let us shine with the light of your love.
Thanks be to God.

We return to our seats as the voluntary is played

Voluntary Prelude in G Major – BWV 541 J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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Notices: January 29th

Sunday January 29th The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

8am – Holy Communion from the Book of Common Prayer

10am – All Age Parish Eucharist

Midweek Services

Morning Prayer: 9am Monday to Thursday

Tots Service: Tuesdays at 10am

Midweek Communion: Wednesdays at 10am

Sunday February 5th

8am – Holy Communion from the Book of Common Prayer

10am – Parish Eucharist with Forest Church

6pm Choral Evensong

Introit: Hymn 21 O strength and stay upholding all creation

Responses: Byrd

Psalm: 4

Canticles: Gibbons short service

Anthem: Attwood, Teach me O Lord

2023: A time to build As we mark a new church year, we invite everyone to pray for our church building project: that 2023 would be a 'time to build':

God of vision and hope,
we thank you for our church building;
a place of prayer and pilgrimage,
witnessing to your love and presence in our midst.
We pray for our plans to develop the building
to further the work of your kingdom in this and future generations.
We pray for the guidance, resources and skills we need
to bring the project to completion,
and that we would be united in vision and focus
as we work towards this goal,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Cornerstone. Amen.

The flowers in church today have been kindly given by Margaret Taylor for Derek's 80th Birthday. Congratulations Derek!

Julian Group. The next meeting will be on **Friday 3rd February at 2.30 pm at 3 Barton Road, Headington.** We meditate for half an hour on a passage provided by one of us and then have tea/coffee and biscuits. New members are very welcome. Please contact me for further details: **Sheila Allcock 769630.**

Pancake Party on Sunday 19th 3pm at the Coach House. Come build a pancake and help raise money for the Church Building fund this year. Please let me know if you are interested in attending (this would really help with numbers and if there are any dietary requirements) or if you would like to help out to contribute to this fundraising effort. All are welcome. For more information please talk to Frances or email frances.farrar@tiscali.co.uk

Faithful discernment in an age of crisis: an introduction to Ignatian spirituality This year's Lent course offers an introduction to the riches of Ignatian spirituality. Emerging from a period of unprecedented global challenge and change, this school of prayer offers an intensely relevant wisdom for our time. How can we know God intimately and follow Christ in a complex world? What does it mean to find God in all things? How can we tune in to the wisdom of the Spirit in everyday discernment? The course will be held on **Tuesday evenings from 6-7pm** in the Coach House, beginning **Feb 28th** and led by Margaret Whipp. Please contact margaretwhipp@btinternet.com for any further details and to give an indication of numbers.

Save the Date – The Parish Trip to the seaside in Bournemouth at Alum Chine is back by popular demand! Book a seat now for **17th June** leaving the Coach house at

8.30am seats are £15 each. For more information or to reserve your seat please talk to Frances or email frances.farrar@tiscali.co.uk For those of you who have never been on the trip this is for all ages to visit a wonderful sandy safe beach, with gardens behind, a long sea front and great facilities including a play area.

Warm Welcome Space: in the Coach House, on Fridays 10am – 12pm 3rd, 10th, 24th with hot drinks and cake and on 17th Soup and rolls. Please let as many people know about this as you can and take a poster to put up. No booking required just turn up. For info contact Margaret Taylor 765051 or Elizabeth Knight 761476.

Asylum Welcome are in urgent need of donations to their food bank as stocks are currently running very low. They currently provide food to over 80 adults and children on a weekly basis, distributing up to 1000 items for tinned and fresh food every week. They rely entirely on donations for their food bank and are currently particularly in need of cooking oil, tinned tomatoes, milk (UHT) and tinned fish. Please put items in the crate at the back of church You can find a list of all the items that are needed on this page: <https://www.asylum-welcome.org/food/>. Thank you for your support.

Headington Repair Café: Don't condemn broken tools etc to landfill! The Bring and Fix Café is back every Tuesday 10.00-12.00 in the (newly-revamped) Bullingdon Community Centre, Peat Moors, OX3 7HS. Experts offer to fix most small electric and household items. Free tea/coffee, biscuits and parking are available. A small donation is appreciated. For further information please phone: 07792 49 13 50. Hilary Rollin for Eco Group

Eco Church Resources New Year, New Eco Resources List. For a range of suggestions and links to material on topics related to Climate Change, go to: <https://www.hthq.uk/eco-church-resources/> Hilary Rollin, for Eco Church Group.

Eco Tips Eco Tip of the Week: To carry on making your bathroom more environmentally-friendly, switch disposable razors for ones with disposable heads, and recycle the cardboard toilet roll tubes, or, why not put them aside to be ready for the seed-sowing season? Hilary Rollin for Eco Church Group

Pastoral care team Are you in need of support or would you like to talk to someone? We rely on you to let us know of anyone who is ill, or in hospital or who might welcome a visit. Please contact any of the clergy (numbers below) or Helen Day, Janet Masters, Nell Slocock or Anne Tarassenko.

Holy Trinity Headington Quarry
An open door between heaven and earth,

showing God's love to all.

As the Anglican parish in Headington Quarry, Risinghurst and Wood Farm, we are here for every local resident. Our church is open every day. We hope that you will find God's peace as you come to pray or just sit and rest awhile. If you have questions about the Christian faith or would like to find out more about church life, please get in touch:

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